

REMARKS

Claims 1, 9-21, 23-31 and 33-43 are presently pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 4, 21, 26 and 32 are rejected. Claims 2-8, 22 and 32 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 21, 23, 24, 31 and 37 have been amended. New claims 38-43 have been added for substantive examination.

Reconsideration of the objections and rejections set forth in the aforementioned Office Action is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3-4, 21, 26 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Wang et al. (US 6,654,995).

The rejected claims have been either cancelled or amended to include the limitations of the previously objected to claims. As such, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the § 102 rejections and allowance of all of the presently pending claims.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 2, 5-8, 22-25, 31 and 37 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 9-20 and 27-30 are allowed.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter. The Applicants have rewritten the objected to claims in independent form. Withdrawal of the objections to the claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

All of the grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. The Applicants therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding office action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If it is believed that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1222. Prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

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